

**Regular Council Meeting  
April 26, 2012**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of April 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons and Harold Taunton. Staff present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, Parks Director Shane Supple, City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of past minutes**

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled council meetings of March 22 and April 10, 2012 as presented, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**1. Planning Issues**

City Planner Henninger gave a brief update on the Waterfronts Florida workshops and draft vision plan, the C.W. Roberts comprehensive plan large scale amendment and the City's comprehensive plan large scale amendment to comply with the statutory requirements of Military Sustainability.

**2. Legal Matters**

No items were presented.

**3. Fire Department Report**

**A. Approval request – Pool operation**

City Clerk Haynes verified that Walton County has approved up to \$50,000 to assist with the maintenance and operation of the pool.

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve advertising and hiring up to six part-time, temporary employees at \$9.00 an hour for lifeguards, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**4. Parks Department Report**

No report was given.

## **5. Engineering report**

Charley Cotton, representing Preble-Rish, gave a brief update on the following items:

- North Bay Phase II expansion – line work is 100% complete, final inspection scheduled and close out paperwork to be presented at a future council meeting
- Energy grant project – project is complete, final inspection scheduled, close out paperwork and request for acceptance to be presented at next council meeting
- Wagon Wheel project – NWFWD permit has been resubmitted
- Freeport Regional Sports Complex – ballfields should be ready for bid out as early as next week.

## **IV. Old Business**

No old business was presented.

## **V. New Business**

### **1. Mayor Marse updates:**

#### **A. Well house at well #4**

Mayor Marse informed council that the building at well #4 needed to be replaced. A price quote was received for a wood – frame building, but Councilman King stated that a block building would be more secure. Staff directed to request an engineer drawing of the building and prices to be brought back to council at a later date.

#### **B. Altitude valve – Portland well**

Mayor Marse informed council that Ben Lewis (water operator) was concerned about the connection of the Freeport system with the North Bay system causing the Portland well to overflow. Engineering has been directed to contact Ben and gather information regarding the installation of an altitude valve.

#### **C. Valve between Freeport water system and well #7**

Mayor Marse updated council that he has requested engineering to look at the butterfly valve installed on Highway 20 and determine whether it is operating correctly, or their recommendations on a booster pump. Well #7 is currently unable to pump water back to the Freeport main system and vise versa.

### **2. Update drought conditions resolution (01-04)**

Clerk Haynes requested item tabled until a later council meeting.

**3. City cell phone account conversion**

Clerk Haynes informed council that the Nextel phones would need to be converted to Sprint due to towers being taken out of service. Since the City is out of contract at this time, she has been gathering information regarding other phone services. Council directed Clerk Haynes to consider SoutherLinc due to other entities already using their service.

**4. Pay all bills in order**

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve paying all bills that are in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

**VI. Council Business Not On Agenda**

None was presented.

**VII. Public Comment**

None was presented.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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J.M. Marse, Mayor

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Robin Haynes, City Clerk

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Earl King, Council President